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SUBJ: ESTABLISHMENT OF THAI POLICE NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION CENTER

1. MISSION HAS JUST OBTAINED FULL TRANSLATION OF POLICE ORDER
SIGNED BY GENERAL PRAPHAT SETTING UP NEW NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION
CENTER.
THE ORDER WAS SIGNED AND TOOK EFFECT ON MARCH 19.

2. THE CENTER WILL BE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A COMMITTEE
HEADED BY POL LTG PRACHUAB SUNTRANGKUN. VICE CHAIRMAN
IS POL LTG CHUMPHON LOHACHALA, AND MAJGEN POW SARASIN IS EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY. OTHER MEMBERS, ASSIGNED BY POLICE POSITION,
INCLUDE THE COMMISSIONERS OF CENTRAL INVESTIGATION, PROVINCIAL
POLICE, METROPOLITAN POLICE, BORDER PATROL POLICE, AND COMMANDERS
OF KEY UNITS SUCH AS CRIME SUPPRESSION DIVISION.

3. THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NEW CENTER INCLUDE
FORMULATION OF PLANS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES AND
ORDERS ISSUED BY THE POLICE DIRECTOR GENERAL; COLLECTION
OF STATISTICS; SUPERVISION AND COORDINATION OF THE POLICE
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DEPARTMENT' S NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION ACTIVITIES; AND A
NUMBER OF OTHER INTERNAL POLICE FUNCTIONS RELATED TO
NARCOTICS.

4. AN OFFICE FOR THE NEW CENTER HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED
AND TEMPORARILY LOCATED AT THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE,
WITH POL. COL. CHAVALIT YODMANEE AS CHIEF.

5. FULL TRANSLATIONS OF THE ORDER WILL FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.
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